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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2009 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

A. 2009 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 19 January to 27 March, 18 May to 3 July and 3 August to 18 September 2009. During this period, the Conference held 45 formal plenary meetings, at which Member States as well as non-Member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 20 informal plenary meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

4. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Argentina, Australia and Austria.

5. At the inaugural meeting of the 2009 session on 20 January, the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze delivered the message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon. Furthermore, at the 1135th plenary meeting on 19 May 2009, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, personally addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1135). The Secretary-General, referring to the new momentum for disarmament provided, *inter alia*, by a number of initiatives by states and their leaders, as well as to his five-point proposal to revitalize the international disarmament agenda, urged the Conference to seize the opportunity to move the disarmament agenda forward. He called upon the Conference to play its proper role as the world's single multilateral negotiation body on disarmament (CD/PV.1118 & CD/PV.1135).

6. In addition, upon the joint invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Le Hoai Trung (Viet Nam) and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Ms. Dipu Moni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (CD/PV.1121), Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Deputy Minister of Defense of Norway (CD/PV.1124), Mr. Alberto van Klaveren, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile (CD/PV.1128), Mr. Vincenzo Scotti, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy (CD/PV.1128), Mr. Zéphyrin Mungongo, Vice-Minister of Internal Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CD/PV.1129), Mr. Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian

Federation (CD/PV.1130), Mr. Mourad Medelci, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria (CD/PV.1132 and CD/PV.1135), Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (CD/PV.1135), Ms. Rose Gottemoeller, acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security of the United States of America (CD/PV.1140), Mr. Gareth Evans of Australia, who made a statement on the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (CD/PV.1145), Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of China (CD/PV. 1151), Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria (CD/PV.1157).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries, recognizing the importance of the Conference as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, addressed a wide range of issues in the area of disarmament and international security. They welcomed the concerted efforts by the six Presidents, and expressed their support for further efforts by the Conference to reach consensus on starting multilateral negotiations. The Conference welcomed their addresses as expressions of support for its endeavours as the single multilateral negotiation forum in the field of disarmament.

8. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Tim Caughley, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (until 28 February 2009); Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (as of 1 September 2009) and Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 Member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036) the Conference received and considered requests for

participation in its work from 44 States not Members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-Member States to participate in its work: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, the Holy See, Honduras, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Montenegro, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not Members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1857, entitled "Letter dated 20 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during 2009 from non-member States";

(b) CD/1858, entitled "Letter dated 22 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1857 dated 20 January 2009".

D. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2009 Session

12. At its 1118th plenary meeting on 20 January 2009, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference in accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure was reviewed, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2009 session. The agenda (CD/1856) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2009 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 53 of the 2008 report of the Conference (CD/1853), the last President of the 2008 session (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) and the first President of the 2009 session (Viet Nam) conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2009 session of the Conference. These consultations were conducted in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2009 session (Zimbabwe, Algeria, Argentina, Australia and Austria).

15. At the 1121st plenary meeting on 3 February 2009, the President, Ambassador Le Hoai Trung (Viet Nam), reported that his consultations indicated that no consensus had existed in the Conference on a programme of work on the basis of any existing formal or informal proposal to commence negotiations on any issue. He indicated that the Presidency would appoint, under its own responsibility, coordinators for each of the agenda items, without prejudice to any future decision that the Conference might take on its programme of work. Under the authority of the 2009 Presidents, the coordinators would organize and chair debates on the agenda items in a comprehensive manner and without preconditions, taking into account all the relevant past, present and future views and proposals. The coordinators were required to report, in their personal capacity, on the discussions on the various agenda items to the 2009 Presidents, who, in conjunction with each of the coordinators, would finalize the report, under his own responsibility, on progress made on each item. Subsequently, the President announced that the 2009 Presidents of the Conference appointed the following coordinators:

(a) Ambassador Carlos Portales of Chile for agenda items 1 (Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament) and 2 (Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters), with a general focus on nuclear disarmament;

(b) Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi of Italy for agenda items 1 (Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament) and 2 (Prevention of nuclear war, including all

related matters), with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices;

(c) Ambassador Marius Grinius of Canada for agenda item 3 (Prevention of an arms race in outer space);

(d) Ambassador Babacar Carlos Mbaye of Senegal for agenda item 4 (Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons);

(e) Ambassador Petko Draganov of Bulgaria for agenda item 5 (New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons);

(f) Ambassador Dayan Jayatilleka of Sri Lanka for agenda item 6 (Comprehensive programme of disarmament);

(g) Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia for agenda item 7 (Transparency in armaments).

16. Under the Presidency of Ambassador Chitsaka Chipaziwa of Zimbabwe, intensive consultations continued towards reaching agreement on a programme of work. Thematic informal debates on the substantive agenda items were conducted by the Coordinators under his Presidency.

17. At the 1135th plenary meeting on 19 May 2009, following broad and intensive consultations, the President, Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria, submitted a draft decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session (CD/1863). At subsequent meetings, delegations provided their views on this draft decision.

18. At the 1139th plenary meeting on 29 May 2009, the Conference adopted document CD/1863, entitled "Draft Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session". High appreciation was expressed on the adoption, by consensus, of the programme of work under the Presidency of Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria. Following the adoption, the Decision was circulated as Document CD/1864 and reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament,

In order to provide a programme of work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament,

In pursuance of its agenda and taking into account the several proposals tabled since 1999 for the programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 below, with a view to enabling future compromise(s) and including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum,

Takes the following decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the current session:

1. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to exchange views and information on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to reduce nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their elimination, including on approaches toward potential future work of multilateral character.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report on the progress of its work before the end of the current session.

2. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" which shall negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the document CD/1299 of 24 March 1995 and the mandate contained therein.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

3. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to discuss substantively, without limitation, all issues related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

4. To establish a Working Group under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to discuss substantively, without limitation, with a view to elaborating recommendations dealing with all aspects of this agenda item, not excluding those related to an internationally legally binding instrument.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

5. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

6. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of Disarmament" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

7. To appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant view and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session."

19. At the 1142nd plenary meeting, the President, Ambassador Roberto Garcia Moritan of Argentina, circulated a draft decision on a Schedule of activities for the period 29 June till 18 September 2009 (CD/1866) as well as a Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 (CD/1867), which identifies Ambassador Dian Triansyah Djani of Indonesia, Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares of Brazil and Ambassador Mykola Maimeskul of Ukraine as Chairpersons for the Working Groups and Ambassador Chitsaka Chipaziwa of Zimbabwe, Ambassador Mabel Gómez Oliver of Mexico and Ambassador Hannu Himanen of Finland as Special Coordinators during the 2009 session of the Conference.

20. At the 1147th plenary meeting, the President, Ambassador Caroline Millar of Australia, circulated a draft decision contained in CD/1870* that combined the previous proposals on the appointment of the Working Group Chairs and the Special Coordinators (CD/1867) and the revised calendar of activities (CD/1866/Rev. 1). Subsequently, following consultations with Members, the President circulated CD/1870/Rev.1.

21. At the 1156th plenary meeting, in an attempt to overcome remaining concerns with respect to the implementation of CD/1864, as contained in CD/1870/Rev.1, and after consultations, including two informal presidential consultations open to all interested delegations, the President, Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, circulated a second revision CD/1870/Rev.2.

22. No consensus was reached on any of the proposals referred to in paragraph 19, 20 and 21 above on the implementation of CD/1864; delegations continued their efforts to reach a consensus on the implementation of CD/1864.

23. The following documents dealing with the issue of agenda and programme of work were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1863 dated 19 May 2009 and entitled "Draft Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session";

(b) CD/1864 dated 29 May 2009 and entitled "Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session";

(c) CD/1866 dated 23 June 2009 and entitled "Schedule of activities from 29 June to 18 September 2009";

(d) CD/1866/Rev.1* dated 30 June 2009 and entitled "Draft schedule of activities from 3 August to 18 September 2009";

(e) CD/1867**, dated 25 June 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864";

(f) CD/1870*, dated 4 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(g) CD/1870/Rev.1, dated 6 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(h) CD/1870/Rev.2, dated 27 August 2009 and entitled "Draft decision on the implementation of CD/1864 for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament"; and

(i) CD/1873 dated 24 August 2009 and entitled "Letter dated 21 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting Pakistan's position on the implementation of the Programme of Work (CD/1864) for the 2009 session of the Conference".

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

24. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

25. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 25 non-Members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta and Serbia.

F. Review of the Agenda of the Conference

26. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference

27. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from Non-Governmental Organizations

28. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference. (CD/NGC/43).

29. To mark the International Women's Day, a statement of the NGO Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues was read by the President of the Conference on Disarmament at the 1129th plenary meeting on 5 March 2009 (CD/PV.1129). Subsequently, several delegations expressed the view that next year the statement should be delivered by one of its authors.

30. On 28 May 2009, the Conference, under the Presidency of Ambassador Idriss Jazairy of Algeria, held an informal meeting at which a number of NGOs made statements on issues related to the agenda items of the Conference. Several delegations expressed the hope that this initiative would enhance the interaction between civil society and the Conference with regard to the work of the Conference.

31. On 8 September 2009, the Conference, in line with the decision taken at the 946th plenary meeting in 2004, held an informal meeting under the Presidency of Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, during which the Geneva NGO Committee for Disarmament addressed the Conference. Several delegations welcomed the address and reiterated their hope of enhanced interaction between civil society and the Conference with regard to the work of the Conference.

III. SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING ITS 2009 SESSION

32. The 2009 Presidents of the Conference appointed Coordinators for agenda items 1 to 7. The Coordinators, under the authority of the 2009 Presidents, chaired informal meetings and reported to the Presidents on their results. On 15 September 2009, the President, Ambassador Christian Strohal of Austria, on behalf of the 2009 Presidents, addressed a letter to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the reports of the seven Coordinators prepared in their personal capacity and submitted to the 2009 Presidents on the work done by those Coordinators during the 2009 session (CD/1877).

33. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the related official documents, as well as plenary records of the session.

34. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2009, and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

35. The Conference had before it a letter dated 22 January 2009 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1855) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session in 2008, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

63/36 Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on disarmament (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

63/39 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

63/40 Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 2, 5, 6 and 8)

63/43 Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)

63/44 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)

63/46 Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 14, 15, 19 and 20)

63/69 Transparency in armaments (operative paragraphs 5 (b) and 7)

63/73 Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 11 and 12)

63/75 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

63/82 Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)

63/83 Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 5 and 10)

A. Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament

36. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

37. The following documents dealing with this agenda item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1854, entitled "Letter dated 18 December 2008 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the Conference, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary-General by the French Minister for Foreign and European affairs, Mr. Bernard Kouchner, accompanied by a letter from the President of the French Republic to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and by the statement on strengthening international security adopted by the European Council on 11 December 2008";

(b) CD/1859, entitled "Letter dated 13 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the statement by the President of the Russian Federation on the conclusion of an agreement with the United States of America to succeed the Treaty on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms (START I)";

(c) CD/1860, entitled "Letter dated 27 March 2009 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference concerning the visit to the former military facilities at Pierrelatte and Marcoule";

(d) CD/1861, entitled "Letter dated 20 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General

of the Conference transmitting the text of the Joint Statement by Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation and Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, regarding negotiations on further reductions in Strategic Offensive Arms, made in London on 1 April 2009";

(e) CD/1862, entitled "Letter dated 20 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the Joint Statement by Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation and Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, made in London on 1 April 2009";

(f) CD/1868, entitled "Letter dated 13 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the "L'Aquila statement on non-proliferation" adopted by the Heads of State and Government of G8 Member Countries during the Summit held in L'Aquila on 8 July 2009";

(g) CD/1869, entitled "Letter dated 16 July 2009 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the "Joint Understanding for further reductions and limitations of Strategic Offensive Arms", signed by Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America and Mr. Dmitriy A. Medvedev, President of the Russian Federation in Moscow on 6 July 2009";

(h) CD/1871, entitled "Letter dated 12 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference transmitting the text of the press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan entitled "Pakistan subscribes to the goals of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation"";

(i) CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009"; and

(j) CD/1878, entitled "Letter dated 16 September 2009 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada, Japan and the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the "draft for discussion prepared by the International Panel on Fissile Materials: A treaty banning the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, with article-by-article explanations" dated 2 September 2009".

38. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda items 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on nuclear disarmament, Ambassador Carlos Portales (Chile), held two informal meetings on 9 and 23 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex I).

39. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda items 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" and 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", with a general focus on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices, Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi (Italy), held two informal meetings on 10 and 24 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex II).

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

C. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

41. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

42. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1865, entitled "Canada: Working Paper: On the merits of some transparency and confidence-building measures and treaty proposals for space security";

(b) CD/1872, entitled "Letter dated 18 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of China and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting answers to the principal questions and comments on the draft "Treaty on Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space and of the Threat or Use of Force against Outer Space Objects (PPWT)" introduced by the Russian Federation and China and issued as document CD/1839 dated 29 February 2008";

(c) CD/1874*, entitled "Letter dated 14 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting updated proposals by the Russian Federation relating to the report by the United Nations Secretary-General on "Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities", prepared in pursuance of United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/68";

(d) CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009"; and

(e) CD/1876, entitled "Letter dated 4 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the conference organized by UNIDIR entitled "Space Security 2009: Moving towards a Safer Space Environment" held from 15 to 16 June 2009 in Geneva".

43. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space", Ambassador Marius Grinius (Canada), held 2 informal meetings on 10 and 24 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex III).

D. Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons

44. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

45. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", Ambassador Babacar Carlos Mbaye (Senegal), held 2 informal meetings on 12 and 26 February 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex IV).

46. The following document dealing with this item was submitted to the Conference:

CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009".

E. New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons; Radiological Weapons

47. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

48. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: radiological weapons", Ambassador Petko Draganov (Bulgaria), held 2 informal meetings on 16 February and 2 March 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex V).

49. The following document dealing with this item was submitted to the Conference:

> CD/1875, entitled "Letter dated 25 August 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the paragraphs of the introduction and section on disarmament and international security of the Final Document of the XV Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt from 11 to 16 July 2009".

F. Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament

50. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

51. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament", Ambassador Dayan Jayatilleka (Sri Lanka), held 2 informal meetings on 27 February and 3 March 2009, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex VI).

G. Transparency in Armaments

52. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

53. In accordance with the Organizational Framework (CD/WP.553), the Coordinator on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments", Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja of Indonesia, held 2 informal meetings on 17 February and 5 March, and reported orally on 10 March 2009 (CD/1877, Annex VII).

H. Consideration of Other Areas Dealing with the Cessation of the Arms Race and Disarmament and Other Relevant Measures

54. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2009 session of the Conference.

I. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report of the Conference and Any Other Report as Appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

55. With the positive momentum provided, *inter alia*, by a number of initiatives by states and their leaders relevant to the work of the Conference and by the adoption by consensus of CD/1864 establishing the Programme of Work for the 2009 session, and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2010 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

56. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2010 session would be:

First part: 18 January – 26 March

Second part: 31 May – 16 July

Third part: 9 August – 24 September

57. The annual report to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 17 September 2009, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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